

CHURCH STAFF

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*Thank you for joining us for worship today!  
It is our sincere hope that all who gather in  
this place will know and experience the love,  
forgiveness, hope, and new life available  
through Jesus Christ.*

*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
January 15, 2017*



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*Our Mission Statement:*

*As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.*

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**United Church of Christ**

**January 15, 2017**

**Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).

Gathering #429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians” *vs. 1-3*

Welcome and Announcements *Ann Craxton*

Opening Prayer

Prelude “Simple Gifts” *Shaker Hymn*

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 40*

One: I waited patiently for you, O God.

You inclined to me; you heard my cry.

**All: You drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog.  
You set my feet on a rock,  
made my steps secure.**

One: You put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise;  
many people will see and fear, and put their trust in you.

**All: Happy are those who place their lives in your hands,  
who do not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods.**

One: You multiply deeds of kindness to us;  
even if I tried, I could never name them all.

**All: I will tell the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation, I will not hold back.**

One: Your salvation I will not keep locked in my heart;  
I will tell the world how you have loved me!

**All: O do not withhold your kindness from me;  
let your steadfast love guard me forever!**

\*Hymn #290 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

Children’s Time

Choir Anthem “Down in the Valley to Pray” *Traditional*

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)

Pastoral Prayer

Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology #815

Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn #33 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Scripture John 1:35-42

Sermon “across the years: a game of hide and seek”

\*Hymn #597 “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” *vs. 1,2,5,6*

\*Benediction

\*Response #429 “They’ll Know We Are Christians” *vs. 4*

\*Postlude

*Thanks to Dick Alberini for sharing his music with us  
while Dottie is on vacation.*



***Please be sure to take your insert home and stick it on your fridge as a reminder of this fun night! Or, give it to a friend and ask them to join us!***

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**Announcing the 214<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LITTLETON  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

*This has been changed to the SECOND Sunday in February from the "usual" first Sunday. Annual Reports will be available in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.*

**Our Church By-Laws (Article IX, Section 3) call for an annual meeting of the congregation for the purposes of:**

- Electing officials and committees
- Setting the budgets
- Reporting on the activities of the Church in the previous year
- Conducting any other business that would require the vote of the membership

The annual meeting serves not only to take care of the business of the Church, but to remind us of our obligations to this Church, our community, to the world and to God. In fellowship with each other and God, we have the privilege and responsibility to carry out these promises and to guide our congregation in the coming year. Please plan on coming to the annual meeting which starts with worship at 10:00 AM and the business meeting following in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a potluck following the meeting ~ Please bring your favorite thing to share!

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***ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL***

***Rehearsals for the Ecumenical Choir Festival will begin on Sunday, Feb. 5th at the Methodist Church at 1:00 pm. Rehearsals will also be held on Feb 12th and 15th with the concert on Feb. 26th at 3:00 pm. at the Methodist Church. If you love to sing but are unable to commit to the weekly regular choir, you are welcome to join us in the Ecumenical Choir. If you are interested, contact Maryann Langdoc at 603-444-5282.***

**Notices for the week of January 15, 2017 – January 21, 2017**

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TODAY.... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study – Classroom  
10:00 am ....Worship Service and Sunday School  
11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor

Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath

Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor

Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor

6:30 pm ....Choir Practice

7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

Fri..... 7:00 pm ....NA – Fellowship Hall

Barrington Boy Scout Troop Arrives – Ladies Parlor

Sat..... 7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

AA meetings: Monday – Friday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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**Usher/Greeter:** Ann & Ed Craxton

**Coffee Fellowship:** Alison Bolt

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**DEACON’S FUND COLLECTION**

Thank you for your donation totaling \$140 last week.  
This fund helps people who come to our door in need of emergency assistance.

# January Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

## CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the Youth of our Community, the future of our World, and Rev. David and Wilma Weddington as they participate and lead us into the future.

**Don Bliss** – health concerns.

(Judy Oleary)

## Cancer

Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)

Arped Lind (June Davis)

Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)

Jennifer LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)

Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)

Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)

Peter Low (Tina Peabody)

Joni Prell (Linda Warden)

Robin Derrington (Emily LaFlam)

Rebecca Griffin Martel (Glenda Iles)

Judy Jalbert (June Davis)

James Stewart (Tim Gould)

Rita Biagioni (Bob Oleary)

Jean Lange (Emily LaFlam)

## Illness/Recovery

Joel Peabody (JoBeth Dudley)

June Davis (Emily LaFlam)

Jean Kimball (David Weddington)

Richard & Janet Nelson (Janet Nelson)

Marla Strong (Kim Smith)

Betsy Bergen (Bob Muh)

Aldyn Frenkiewich (Linda Warden)

## Family Concerns

Brian Muh & Epic Church (Alice Muh)

Barry Jacobson & Amy Welsh (Wilma Weddington)

Heather Menzies (Doug Menzies)

Annette & John Russo (Wilma Weddington)

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Elizabeth Poliven (Ed O'Brien)

Family of Wayne Chase (Emily LaFlam)

Family of Linda Hall (Wayne Ruggles)

Family of Nancy Aldrich (Linda Warden)

## Military

The names of people in the military are on the name board by office.

***To add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a blue card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate or hand them to a Deacon. The name will remain in the bulletin for approximately 4 weeks. We understand that some situations are very serious and a longer period of time would be helpful. You may call the office with any names that need to be added or to update the status.***

***If you or someone you care about would like a visit or call, please contact Pastor David at 603-991-0535 or Pam Nute at 603-444-3376.***

***If you have an emergency during the week and Pastor David is away, please call the church office at 444-3376 and Pam Nute will contact someone for you.***

***\*\*Names listed without original contact person will be removed from the list if we are not notified. In order to keep this list up-to-date, it is important that we be notified when someone should come off the list. Thank you.***

